

Agency Legislative Budget								
Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2002	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2004	New Proposals Fiscal 2004	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 2004	PL Base Adjustment Fiscal 2005	New Proposals Fiscal 2005	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 2005	Total Leg. Budget Fiscal 04-05
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Expenses	3,776	11,224	(15,000)	0	11,224	(15,000)	0	0
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$3,776</b>	<b>\$11,224</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,224</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
State/Other Special	3,776	11,224	(15,000)	0	11,224	(15,000)	0	0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$3,776</b>	<b>\$11,224</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,224</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Agency Description

The Montana Chiropractic Legal Panel reviews potential and actual malpractice claims against chiropractors to confirm reasonable inference of malpractice. The panel provides fair disposition of well-founded claims. The panel consists of three chiropractors and three attorneys, who are required to review every potential or actual claim. The Montana Chiropractic Association appoints a director to manage the panel.

### Summary of Legislative Action

The total budget for the Chiropractic Legal Panel for the 2005 biennium is \$30,000, equivalent to the 2003 biennium budget. The legislature removed the budget from House Bill 2. The panel will continue to be audited by the Legislative Audit Division.

### Agency Discussion

Chiropractic Legal Panel Major Budget Highlights	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funding is provided at the level authorized in previous biennia</li> <li>○ HB 621 was passed taking the Chiropractic Legal Panel off budget</li> </ul>	

### Other Legislation

House Bill 621 - This legislation removed the designation of the Montana Chiropractic Legal Panel as a state agency, therefore allowing the legislature to take the panel off-budget.

Agency Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Base Budget Fiscal 2002	Executive Budget Fiscal 2004	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2004	Leg – Exec. Difference Fiscal 2004	Executive Budget Fiscal 2005	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2005	Leg – Exec. Difference Fiscal 2005	Biennium Difference Fiscal 04-05
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Operating Expenses	3,776	15,000	0	(15,000)	15,000	0	(15,000)	(30,000)
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$3,776</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>	<b>(\$30,000)</b>
State/Other Special	3,776	15,000	0	(15,000)	15,000	0	(15,000)	(30,000)
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$3,776</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$15,000)</b>	<b>(\$30,000)</b>

### Executive Budget Comparison

The legislature adopted the proposed budget.

### Funding

The Montana Chiropractic Legal Panel is funded with state special revenue funds derived from annual assessments. This amount is set annually by the director and is assessed equally to all chiropractors.

Present Law Adjustments										
-----Fiscal 2004-----					-----Fiscal 2005-----					
FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	
Inflation/Deflation				2					2	
Fixed Costs				247					250	
<b>Total Statewide Present Law Adjustments</b>				<b>\$249</b>						<b>\$252</b>
DP 1 - Operating Adjustment	0.00	0	10,975	0	10,975	0.00	0	10,972	0	10,972
<b>Total Other Present Law Adjustments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,975</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,975</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,972</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,972</b>
<b>Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments</b>				<b>\$11,224</b>						<b>\$11,224</b>

### Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law Adjustments" table shows the primary changes to the adjusted base budget made by the legislature. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Legislative decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies. The other numbered adjustments in the table correspond to the narrative descriptions.

DP 1 - Operating Adjustment - All panel functions are conducted through consulting and other professional services. The legislature approved an increase for consulting and professional services, travel, and audit fees in anticipation of increased activity. Activity depends on the number of cases filed, which cannot always be predicted.

New Proposals										
-----Fiscal 2004-----						-----Fiscal 2005-----				
Program	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 9000 - HB 621 - Take Chiropractic Legal Panel Off Budget										
01	0.00	0	(15,000)	0	(15,000)	0.00	0	(15,000)	0	(15,000)
Total	0.00	\$0	(\$15,000)	\$0	(\$15,000)	0.00	\$0	(\$15,000)	\$0	(\$15,000)

### New Proposals

DP 9000 - HB 621 - Take Chiropractic Legal Panel Off Budget - The legislature approved HB 261 taking the Chiropractic Legal Panel off budget. The panel will continued to be audited by the Legislative Audit Division.